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SUBJECT: FINNISH MPS APPEAL TO US CONGRESS ON KOREA

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1. NINE FINNISH MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, INCLUDING FINANCE MINISTER AND CENTRE PARTY CHAIRMAN JOHANNES VIROLAINEN, HAVE SENT AN APPEAL (TEXT REFTEL A) TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO "ENGAGE IN EFFORTS TO FURTHER PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT IN KOREA". THE LETTER WHICH MAKES ONE-SIDED REFERENCE TO NORTH KOREAN PROPOSALS FOR THE REUNIFICATION OF KOREA, HIT THE PRESS ON EVE OF VISIT BY SOUTH KOREAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION (IPU) DELEGATION AND CREATED MINOR SENSATION IN POLITICAL CIRCLES.

2. SOUTH KOREAN DELEGATION, WHICH ARRIVES JUNE 13, IS LED BY FORMER PRIME MINISTER PAEK TU-CHIN AND INCLUDES PAEK'S WIFE AND FIVE OTHER MPS. DELEGATION IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT

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KEKKONEN, PARLIAMENT SPEAKER SUKSELAINEN,
FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER LAINE, AND, MOREOVER, TO
BE GUESTS OF FINNISH IPU GROUP CHAIRMAN VIROLAINEN
AT LUNCHEON JUNE 14.

3. THERE IS MUCH SCRATCHING OF HEADS IN HELSINKI
AS TO WHY VIROLAINEN LENT HIS PRESTIGE TO THE
APPEAL. IT WAS CIRCULATED IN PARLIAMENT BY
COMMUNIST MP ANNA-LIISA JOKINEN WHO ALSO ASKED
CONSERVATIVE MP PERTTI SALOLAINEN, WHO HAS VISITED
NORTH KOREA, TO SIGN. JOKINEN POINTED OUT THAT
VIROLAINEN HAD ALREADY SIGNED BUT SALOLAINEN
REFUSED TO ADD HIS NAME BECAUSE OF THE ONE-SIDED
NATURE OF THE APPEAL. THE BEST EXPLANATION
OFFERED SO FAR FOR VIROLAINEN'S BEHAVIOR--FROM A
NEUTRAL SOURCE IN HIS OWN PARTY--IS THAT HE
ACTED IN A FIT OF ABSENCE OF MIND.

4. OUR SOUTH KOREAN EMBASSY COLLEAGUES ARE UPSET
AND PUZZLED, BUT PROCEEDING WITH
ARRANGEMENTS FOR PAK'S DELEGATION AS PLANNED.
THERE SEEMS LITTLE DOUBT THAT THE APPEAL WAS
COOKED UP BY THE NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY IN CAHOOTS
WITH FRIENDLY PARLIAMENTARIANS. DATED JUNE 5,
THE LETTER ONLY HIT THE PRESS YESTERDAY (JUNE 12)
AND WAS OBVIOUSLY TIMED TO EMBARRASS THE VISITING
DELEGATION. WE ARE ALSO TOLD A SIMILAR LETTER IS
CIRCULATING FOR SIGNATURE BY FINNISH POLITICAL
PARTIES TO BE USED AT A "KOREAN" RALLY NEXT
TUESDAY (JUNE 18).
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